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By TIM BIRCH, Gent.

To Mr. TIM BIRCH.

SIR,

I Have already given it as my Opinion that your Design is good; I now advise you to be careful in its Execution: A true *Reformer* is a very valuable Character, but false ones are so frequent that it behoves you in a particular Manner to make good your Title. Authors and Criticks are *Reformers* by Profession, and yet, so few of them deserve that honourable Name, it becomes a *Constable* almost as well. The first of these suppose themselves right, when they are really wrong, and the last of these would force the rest of the World to be as stupid as themselves. The venerable *Doctor*'s late Comment on *Milton*, is the immediate Occasion of these Reflections; he took it into his Head to be a *Reformer* too, but unluckily exercis'd his Talent on a Subject that did not stand in Need of a Reformation; a Subject that he had not a Genius to be acquainted with, a Subject that every Body esteem'd perfect already, or at least as perfect as humane Understanding could make it. The Name of *Milton* was become as venerable as *Homer*, or *Virgil*; we deem'd it Sacrilege to treat his immortal Work irreverently, and *Addison* himself trembled to curtail him of two Lines, that, in Compliment to the Author, he thought might be spar'd. This Awe, this Veneration arose from his Knowledge, and Intimacy with the divine Original; he saw 'twas animated with a Spirit that 'twas Honour enough to admire, and understand, and Rashness and Folly to attempt to amend. Such was his Conduct with Regard to this inimitable Writer, and it gain'd him as much Reputation from the Publick, as any one of his celebrated Pieces.

But Doctor *Bentley* sits down as an absolute *Judge*, and puts *Milton* to the Torture in Defiance of the Resentment of a whole People. 'Tis true he has tortur'd him only in *Effigy*: He has conjur'd up an *Editor* to bear the Sting of his Wit, and Satire, and suffer the Question in the Author's room.——But I'm of *Opinion* the Doctor himself is the first *Editor* that ever *Milton* had any great Reason to complain of, and such a one as he, is enough to disturb him in his Grave, and make his *Ghost* appear as his own Advocate.

Sir, such Criticks as these make as bad Readers as themselves, and debauch the Taste of a great Author down to the Level of their own; nothing more deserves your Indignation, than such Practices as these, and no Author ever suffer'd more by them than this: Instead of correcting *Milton*, he has only crowded him with Errors, that neither his own Blindness, nor the Ignorance of Editors, nor Number of Editions had obtruded on him before; and the Doctor really deserves all the Censure, he has thrown on his imaginary Predecessor. I am, Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

NED. GENTLE.

Ordered,

That the *Doctor*'s Preface, Notes, and various Readings of *Milton*, be hence-forward esteem'd as *Waste-Paper*; and that, (because we would have every Man faithful to his own Genius,) his late Edition be entitled, *Paradise Lost*, new *pointed* by Dr. *B*——.

TIM BIRCH, *Gent.*

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SIR,

THE following is the Copy of a Letter sent to one of those *Epicenes* stil'd a *Beau*. If you think it worth publishing, it may be of some Service to the whole Fraternity. *I am*, &c.

To MAISTER TAMMY. *On* Modern Dress.

Yet none Sir Fopling *him, or him can call;*
He's Knight of the Shire, and represents you all.
Pro. to Sir. *Fop.*

I Can by no Means agree with you, sweet *Maister Tammy*, that the Matter of Dress is no proper Subject for Ridicule. I should rather admire, that any Person, endu'd with common Sense, should start such an Idle Problem, if I did not consider, that Reason is no Talent of Inheritance, and right Thinking none of those little Sciences that depend upon Men's Fingers Ends. In plain Terms, I mean no more than that a Man may be a very pretty Fidler, and at the same Time a very poor Logician. I grant thee, nevertheless, my Dear, that corporal Defects are no proper Topick for Satire. And yet even these, when the unhappy Owner glares them out, and by his own forward Follies, and Conceit, takes Pains to make them more conspicuous by awkard Decorations; the Defect of the Body will by no Means exempt the Defect of Understanding, but the one will find itself inevitably involv'd in the Demerits of the other. If Dress, that dear *Diana* of the Empty would do the Business; I confess our every Street would abound with Logicians. And if what such nickname Dress was allow'd to be out of the Sphere of Satire; our Brood of humane Apes in *England* might in a little Time far exceed those Troops of their four-legg'd Brethren which *Ludolphus* allures us are to be seen in *Æthiopia*, and with like Impunity set over their Apery and Mischief. *Kolben* in his History of the *Hottentots*, lately put out into *English*, seems to have depainted the Original of this upstart Race among us. *e.g.* Their Crust, or Cap of black Mortar, as he calls it, seems to be the Parent of our little Creature's Pomatum and Powder; and as their more Fat, Soot, and Butter denoted their Quality by the Quantity, our every new Beau takes Pains to display himself accordingly. What are the long Staffs of our modern Heroes but a Mimickry of their *Hassagays*: And if ours differ in the Obtuseness of their Heads, may it not better set forth the same Quality of their Understandings; and if their known Ingenuity may excuse the Conjecture, purposely contriv'd in Compliment to the bad Furniture of their upper Regions? I would advise my dear Creature therefore to consult his below'd Brethren what Badge to put upon this new Order of Knights of the *Monkey-Tail*: Tho', if my humble Opinion might be taken, a Mixture of Colours, and a *proper Cap* would do the Business, and save Thought, which is equally a Burden to one and the other. But why, since they so much affect a Likeness in other Things, should not our pretty Heroes carry some Token of their Etymology, and to the Glory of the Nation be hereafter entitled TOTTIES? 'Tis an Abbreviation, its true: But must be allow'd to be pretty, and *pretty* is the Word they are most fond of. As to what, in Favour to the Creatures of your own Place of Nativity, you call by the honourable Title of the Pigtail, I take it to be a Discovery in a Country full as barbarous, tho' somewhat nearer Hand. Perhaps some *African* Officer having over-travel'd his best, or sole Perewigg, took a Whim or a Fancy to make a Necklock of the Tail of a Monkey. The Coolness of the Change, tho' somewhat strange in that Climate, and therefore rather to add one Oddity to another, he clapp'd on a Pair of Asses Ears cross-wise, and thence rose our modern Toupee. The Queerness of the Taste, no Doubt on't, at first gave him great Solicitude, and put his Invention to the Rack to find a Plea in Countenance of the Monstrosity. Till Craft assisted by Nature help him, like the Fox in the Fable to Fops as weak in the Head as himself who favour'd what Necessity had taught him, and countenanc'd a Fashion that had at first quite put the Finder out of Countenance. Are these, my dear *Tammy*, Topicks for Satire or Ridicule, or no? Or rather dost thou not think them too ridiculous for Ridicule? At last we agree in Opinion. I am fully persuaded the Malady lies in the upper oblong Oval; and is too deep-rooted to receive any Benefit from even the College in *Moorfields*. Nevertheless, my Dear, thou wilt find the whole of the Matter to end in this. Tho' among thy own Species thou mayst meet with Eulogies and Acclamations, the soberer Sort of Mankind, that have any the least Gouût for Pleasantry, will sneer and laugh, and hardly stop at an *Heu quantum mutatus*. Their Reflections however just will abound with Satire, and the more just the more pointed will the Satire prove. *Æsop*'s *Ass* in Trappings will be the minutest of their Comparisons. Not that I, or any of those may have any Quarrel to Tiffue, Velvet, or Brocade: No! no! for the Weal of the honest Tradesmen, let all, who can afford them, wear them. Ornament and Decency, we shall never be Enemies to: But Foppery and Puppery are our entire Aversion. For who can behold, without Indignation, so many of his Countrymen make themselves the Apes of Foreigners, and put on Fools Caps or Hanging Sleeves, because worn, forsooth, in Countries cross the Water. As if that single Word Fashion could naturalize and matriculate Folly. *English* Air is most agreeable to *English* Constitutions. And Agues are too natural to the Climate to fish for them by Foppery. Nevertheless when they are abroad and travel, I would indulge them, if they please, with a little Compliance with Custom, always provided it be done with a little Constraint upon Inclination. But sure the Man that would transplant Customs unsuitable to the Difference of Climate to the Dissolution of what is wholsome and better, ought to be treated as an Enemy by every Lover of his Country, and the Ideot he inscribes on his own Front should never have Sanction enough to protect him. The Act of Transportation should have its full Force, and if his Crime is not allow'd capital, he should be sent back to the People he affects to imitate. The *Dutch* would embrace the Overture, and the *African* Settlements want People: But old *England* can never want a Race that it ought to be asham'd of. Consult thy Glass, my Dear. Consult it over and over; and if at last thou findest Truth in it; amend and thou shalt hear no more.

WE have lately inserted in this Paper, some Extracts from a Pamphlet, newly publish'd under the Title of the *Craftsman's Doctrine and Practice of the Liberty of the Press, explain'd to the meanest Capacity*. The great Clamour, that has been rais'd by the *Faction* against the late Proceedings in *Westminster-Hall*, in Mr. *Franklin*'s Case, was, I presume, the Occasion of printing this Pamphlet, that every Body might have it in their Power to compare Facts with Words, and judge for themselves with what Grace these Gentlemen can complain of the present *Ministry*, when they had acted with so much more Severity, on Occasions that could not give half the Provocation, nor deserve half the Censure. The Extracts were made in this Paper in the same View, and 'tis not to be question'd but all the understanding, and impartial Part of Mankind, will be convinc'd that *they* can have no real Love for the *Liberty* of the *Press* who had endeavour'd so much to destroy it; and that they now plead for it only to license their own Libels, and vent their Spleen against the *Ministry*. Mr. *Fog* has according to his usual Custom been very facetious, and pleasant on this Pamphlet, in the Hope that his Jokes will divert the Reader from attending to an Account that reflects so much Odium on his Party, but we presume without Success; for, tho' Raillery may please, it cannot convince, and, when we have done with our Laugh, the Effect is over.

Continuation of the Extract from a late Pamphlet, entitled, The *Craftsman's* Doctrine and Practice of the Liberty of the Press.

ON the 12th of *March*, 1713-14, a Complaint was made to the House of three printed Pamphlets; one entitled, *The Englishman. From* Saturday, January 16, *to* Tuesday, January 19, 1713-14; wherein is a printed Letter to the *Englishman*, to which is subscribed the Name *Richard Steele*. Another entitled, *The Crisis*, in the Title Page whereof it is said, *By Richard Steele*, Esq; And the other entitled, *The Englishman*, being the Close of the Paper so call'd; in the Title Page whereof it is also said, *By Richard Steele*, Esq; as containing several Paragraphs tending to Sedition, highly reflecting on her Majesty, and arraigning her Administration and Government.

On *Thursday*, *March* 18, the said Pamphlets were taken into Consideration, and Mr. *Steele* appearing in his Place, and owning he wrote and published the said Pamphlets, and the several Paragraphs therein which had been complained of; It was resolved, *That he should then proceed to make his Defence upon the Charge given against him.*

And he proceeded accordingly, was heard in his Place, and withdrew.

Then the House resolved,

That a printed Pamphlet, entitled, The Englishman, *being the Close of the Paper so called; and the other Pamphlet, entitled,* The Crisis, *written by* Richard Steele, *Esq; are scandalous and seditious Libels, containing many Expressions highly reflecting upon her Majesty, and upon the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Universities of this Kingdom, maliciously insinuating, That the Protestant Succession in the House of* Hanover *is in Danger under her Majesty's Administration; and tending to alienate the Affections of her Majesty's good Subjects, and to create Jealousies and Divisions among them.*

Resolved, *That* Richard Steele, *Esq; for his Offence in writing and publishing the said scandalous and seditious Libels, be expelled the House.*

While this Farce was acting, of the House of Commons repeating with great Gravity from Time to Time in their Votes, that a Bill was going forwards to prevent the Spread

ing and publiſhing blaſphemous, treaſonable, ſeditious and ſcandalous Books and Libels, and for the better regulating of the Preſs; and were arbitrarily puniſhing Whigs, as if Whigs only made the Preſs ſo great a Nuiſance; the Houſe of Lords thought fit to try an Experiment, whether Juſtice could be had againſt Tory Incendiaries.

On the 2d of *March*, 1713-14, a Complaint was made in the Houſe of Lords againſt a Pamphlet, entitled, *The Publick Spirit of the Whigs*, &c. printed for *John Morphew*, 1714: Whereupon the ſaid *Morphew* was ordered into the Cuſtody of the Black Rod, that he might be examined; and he upon Examination declaring, that an unknown Porter had brought to his Houſe the Copies of the Pamphlet in queſtion, from the Houſe of *John Barber*, Printer of the *Gazette*, and of the Votes of the Houſe of Commons; the ſaid *John Barber* was alſo ordered into the Cuſtody of the Black Rod; and both he and *Morphew* were, on the 5th of *March*, ſeverally examined at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords. Mr. *Morphew* made the former Declaration, and owned the publiſhing and ſelling of the Pamphlet; but Mr. *Barber* inſiſting not to anſwer any Queſtion, the Anſwer to which might tend to accuſe himſelf, or to corroborate the Accuſation againſt him; they being withdrawn, it was urged, That it highly concern'd the Honour of that auguſt Aſſembly, to find out who was the Author of that falſe and ſcandalous Libel, in Order to do the *Scotch* Nation Juſtice; and thereupon it was moved, That, in Order to that Diſcovery, *Barber* might be again examin'd the next Day, together with his Journeymen and Servants. This was agreed to; but on the 6th of *March*, the Earl of *Marr*, one of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, acquainted the Houſe, that he had already ordered *John Barber* to be proſecuted: Which put a Stop to all further Enquiries about that Matter in a Parliamentary Way. Three Days after, the Lords reſolved upon an Addreſs to the Queen, which was reported and agreed to on the 11th of *March*, and on the 15th preſented to her Majeſty, as follows:

We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave humbly to repreſent to your Majeſty, that we have begun our Endeavours to ſuppreſs ſeditious Papers, which your Majeſty was pleaſed to take Notice of in your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne, by applying ourſelves to diſcover the Author, Printer, and Publiſher, of a Pamphlet, entitled, The Publick Spirit of the Whigs, ſet forth in their generous Encouragement of the Author of the *Criſis*; with ſome Obſervations on the Seaſonableneſs, Candour, Erudition and Stile of that Treatiſe. *London*, Printed by *John Morphew*, near *Stationer's-Hall*, 1714. *Which we conceive to be a falſe, malicious and factious Libel, highly diſhonourable and ſcandalous to your Subjects of* Scotland, *tending to the Deſtruction of the Conſtitution, and (by making falſe and unjuſt Reflections upon the Union, and the Steps and Motives to it) moſt injurious to your Majeſty, who have been pleaſed often to declare from the Throne, that the Union of the two Kingdoms is the peculiar Happineſs of your Reign, in making a full Proviſion for the Peace and Quiet of your People, and the Security of our Religion, by ſo firm an Eſtabliſhment of the Proteſtant Succeſſion throughout* Great Britain: *It appeared to us, by the Confeſſion of the ſaid* John Morphew, *at our Bar, that he publiſhed, ſold, and diſperſed, that Libel; and by the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes on Oath, that the ſame was printed by* John Barber, *a* Printer, *who at the Time of the printing of the ſaid ſeditious Libel, was and yet is intruſted in printing the* Gazette: *But the ſaid* John Barber, *in his Examination, inſiſting not to anſwer any Queſtion, the Anſwer to which might tend to accuſe himſelf, or to corroborate the Accuſation againſt him, we have not as yet been able to diſcover the Author of the ſaid Libel, or who brought the written Copy thereof to be printed; and therefore, that nothing may be wanting on our Parts, towards the diſcovering and puniſhing ſo great a Criminal, as we take the Author of the ſaid Libel to be, we do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, that your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue your Royal Proclamation, with a Promiſe therein of ſuch a Reward as your Majeſty ſhall in your Royal Wiſdom think fit, to any Perſon who ſhall diſcover and make due Proof againſt the Author or Authors of the ſaid Libel; as alſo your Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery, of all Crimes and Miſdemeanors committed in Relation to the printing, publiſhing, and diſperſing the ſaid Libel.*

Her Majeſty was pleaſed to anſwer.

I thank you for the Concern you ſhew for ſuppreſſing all ſeditious Libels: And have given Order for a Proclamation, according as is deſired.

And a Proclamation was iſſued, promiſing three hundred Pounds to any Perſon who ſhould diſcover the ſaid Author, *&c.* But without Effect.

This Affair came to nothing, as happening but a few Months before the Queen's Death. But what it would have come to had her Majeſty lived, may be eaſily judged by the Sequel of the Account we are giving.

We paſs on now to the Proceedings againſt Perſons in the ordinary Forms of Law.

On the 8th of *September*, 1712, *George Ridpath*, Author of the *Flying Poſt*, was apprehended by a Warrant from the Lord Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, and committed to *Newgate*. The next Day he brought his *Habeas Corpus*, and was admitted to Bail before the Lord Chief Juſtice *Parker*; *Grey Neville* of *Billingbear* in *Berkſhire*, Eſq; and Mr. *Walter Stewart*, an eminent *London* Merchant, being his Sureties.

On the 14th of *February*, 1712-13, Mr. *Ridpath* was tried at *Guildhall*, upon an Information brought againſt him by Mr. Attorney-General, for publiſhing three Libels in three ſeveral *Flying-Poſts*: The Tryal laſted eight Hours. The Jury, withdrawing about Half a Quarter of an Hour, brought *Ridpath* in Guilty.

On the 27th of *April*, 1713, A Rule of Court was made for Mr. *George Ridpath* to appear in the Court of *Queen's-Bench* on the 1ſt of *May*, in Order to receive Sentence: And upon his not appearing, his Recognizances were ordered to be eſtreated. It was apprehended that he would have been condemned to an ignominious Puniſhment; and therefore, making over to his Sureties all the Effects he could, they conſented to his going beyond Sea.

On the 19th of *May* was inſerted in the *London Gazette* the following Advertiſement.

Whereas George Ridpath *who was convicted for writing ſome, and is under Proſecution for writing ſeveral other ſcandalous and ſeditious Libels, entitled,* The Flying-Poſt, *highly reflecting upon her Majeſty and her Government, has * left his Bail, and is fled from Juſtice: Theſe are to give Notice, That if any Perſon will make Diſcovery where the ſaid* George Ridpath *is, ſo that he may be taken, and brought to Juſtice, her Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe him a Reward of one hundred Pounds, to be paid by the moſt honourable the Lord High Treaſurer of* Great-Britain.

BOLINGBROKE.

On the 2d of *September*, 1712, *William Hurt*, the Printer of the *Flying-Poſt*, was apprehended by a Warrant from the Lord Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, and committed to *Newgate*. Two Days after, upon his bringing his *Habeas Corpus*, he was admitted to Bail before Mr. Baron *Lovell*. On the 10th of *June*, 1713, he was tried for printing and publiſhing a ſcandalous Libel, entitled, *The Britiſh Ambaſſadreſs's Speech to the French King*, at the *Queen's-Bench Bar* at *Weſtminſter*; and, after a Tryal that laſted three Hours, was found Guilty. On the 25th of *June* he received Sentence of the ſaid Court, to ſtand in and upon the Pillory on *Saturday* the 27th of *June*, in the *Palace-Yard*, *Weſtminſter*, for the Space of an Hour, with a Paper denoting his Offence; and on *Saturday* the 4th of *July*, at *Charing-Croſs*; and on *Saturday* the 11th of *July*, at the *Royal-Exchange*, in like Manner; to pay a Fine of fifty Pounds to her Majeſty; to be impriſoned for two Years, and until he ſhould pay the ſaid Fine; and to find ſufficient Sureties for his good Behaviour during Life.

The Proſecutions of theſe two Perſons are not to be exclaimed againſt; becauſe they were carried on in the Legal Forms, to the Time of their Conviction.

But a remarkable Circumſtance happen'd in the Puniſhment of *Hurt*, that ſhews how well *Ridpath* was adviſed, when he timely fled his Country.

The Political State of *Great Britain* for *July* 1713, relates, that Mr. *Hurt* ſtood in the Pillory on the 25th of *June* and 4th of *July*; and tho' ſeveral Perſons were ſet on to abuſe him, yet his Friends were ſo induſtrious in diverting the Mob, that he eſcaped unhurt. On the 11th of *July*, when he ſtood again in the Pillory at the *Royal-Exchange*, there appeared to be a formed Deſign to ſtone him to Death; which might have eaſily been put in Execution, by Reaſon there was but a ſmall Number of Sheriffs-Men to guard the Priſoner; but his Friends having engaged a great Number of the Spectators to protect him, there enſued a warm Skirmiſh, which was renewed three Times, and maintained on both Sides with great Obſtinacy and Fury; inſomuch, that Eleven or Twelve Perſons were laid ſprawling on the Ground, ſorely wounded with Cudgels: But at laſt, thoſe who endeavoured to defend Mr. *Hurt*, got the *Victory*; and after he had ſtood out his Time in the Pillory, he was carried ſafe into a neighbouring Tavern. It was obſerved, that a Man-Cook, belonging to a certain Nobleman, was very active, and ſoundly beaten in the Fray; which raiſed Suſpicion that he might be ſet on by his Maſter.

'Tis well remembred what Nobleman was then talked of for this Exploit of his Servant: Probably the *Craftſman* can truly tell his Name, and whether he is ſtill a Nobleman.

* His Bail never complained of his leaving them. On the contrary, they declared they would pay the Forfeiture; but by the precipitate and indirect Endeavours that were uſed to eſtreate the Recognizance, and levy the Penalty upon the Bail, before it ought to have been done according to the common Courſe of the Exchequer, the Bail never could be legally compelled to pay it during the reſt of that Reign; and ſo ſaved their Money.

SATURDAY, *February* 5.

ON Tueſday laſt *Humphry Burton*, Eſq; ſhot himſelf into the Head, at his Houſe, near *Coventry*, and died immediately.

Yeſterday at a Board of Admiralty, their Lordſhips admitted ſeveral poor diſabled Sailors into the Penſion of *Greenwich-Hoſpital*.

Weſtern Circuit.

Mr. Juſtice *Probyn*, Mr. Juſtice *Lee*.

Southampton, Monday March 1, at the Caſtle of *Wincheſter*.

Wilts, Saturday March 4, at *New Sarum*.

Dorcheſter, Thurſday March 9, at *Dorcheſter*.

Cornwall, Wedneſday March 15, at *Launceſton*.

Devon, Monday March 20, at the Caſtle of *Exon*.

City of *Exon*, the ſame Day at the *Guildhall* at *Exon*.

Somerſet, Monday March 27, at the Caſtle of *Taunton*.

Robbery. On Thurſday Night laſt a Gentleman was ſtopt near the *New Church* in the *Strand*, by a Street-Robber, who robbed him of four Guineas.

MONDAY, *February* 7.

On Monday the 20th Inſtant will be held an Admiralty Seſſions at the *Old Baily*, for the Tryal of Murder and Pyracy, and other Crimes committed on the High Seas.

On Saturday Morning laſt a Fire broke out at a Brandy-ſhop in *Blackmoor-ſtreet*, occaſion'd by a Chimney taking Fire at Mr. *Long*'s a Cook, but by great Aſſiſtance it was extinguiſh'd without doing much Damage.

They write from *Malden* in *Eſſex*, that on Tueſday Night laſt a Fire happened at *Bealy Mill* in that Neighbourhood, which burnt down the Mill, and a great many hundred Quarters of Wheat. The Loſs is computed at 2000l. The Fire was occaſioned by the Careleſſneſs of a Servant, who left a lighted Candle in a Sack of Bran.

Northern Circuit.

Mr. Juſtice *Denton*, Mr. Baron *Carter*.

York, Monday March 13, at the Caſtle of *York*.

City of *York*, the ſame Day at the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City.

Lancaſter, Saturday March 25, at the Caſtle of *Lancaſter*.

Midland Circuit.

Mr. Juſtice *Price*, Mr. Juſtice *Page*.

Northampton, Tueſday Feb. 29, at *Northampton*.

Rutland, Friday March 3, at *Oakham*.

Lincoln, Monday March 6, at the Caſtle of *Lincoln*.

City of *Lincoln*, the ſame Day at the City of *Lincoln*.

Nottingham, Friday March 10, at *Nottingham*.

Town of *Nottingham*, Saturday March 11, at the Town of *Nottingham*.

Derby, Tueſday March 14, at *Derby*.

Leiceſter, Friday March 17, at the Caſtle of *Leiceſter*.

Borough of *Leiceſter*, Saturday March 18, at the Borough of *Leiceſter*.

City of *Coventry*, Tueſday March 21, at the City of *Coventry*.

Warwick, the ſame Day at *Warwick*.

Robbery. On Wedneſday laſt *Robert Worſden*, Eſq; going in the *Croydon* Stage-Coach to his Houſe at *Streadham*, was attacked near the Gravel-Pits by two Highwaymen, who took from him his Watch and Money.

Deaths. Yeſterday at Noon died, aged about 90, her Grace the Dutcheſs of *Monmouth* and *Buccleugh*, Counteſs of *Dalkeith*, Baroneſs Scott of *Buccleugh*, and Baroneſs of *Eskdale*: She was the Relict of *James* Duke of *Monmouth*, Natural Son of King *Charles* II. beheaded on *Tower-Hill* *July* the 15th, 1685, and Daughter of the Earl of *Buccleugh*.——Laſt Saturday Morning died, at his Houſe near *Cavendiſh-Square*, his Excellency *Walter Chetwynd*, Eſq; Governor of *Barbadoes*.——The ſame Day died of the Small-Pox, at her Houſe in *Groſvenor-Square*, Mrs. *Herne*, Siſter to Sir *Charles Morden*.

Bankrupt. Matthew Cooper, of the Pariſh of St. *John Zachary*, *Foſter-Lane*, *London*, Goldſmith.

TUESDAY, *February* 8.

Yeſterday came on a Tryal at the Bar in the Court of *Common-Pleas* at *Weſtminſter*, between the Earl of *Warwick*, and *Edward Henry Edwards*, Eſq; in Relation to the Eſtate at *Holland-Houſe* in *Middleſex*, and *Choſely-Farm* in *Berks*, &c. The chief Point was, Validity of the Marriage of the ſaid Mr. *Edwards*'s Father, with the Lady *Betty Rich*, Siſter to the late Earl of *Warwick*: The Tryal laſted ſome Hours, when the Jury gave a Verdict for Mr. *Edwards*, confirming his Father's Marriage with the ſaid Lady.

Mr. Heathcote's *Reaſons for diſqualifying himſelf from being one of the Directors of the* South-Sea Company.

Gentlemen,

I intend as ſoon as this General Court is over, to diſqualify myſelf from being a Director of this Company; it is therefore incumbent on me to aſſign my Reaſons why I withdraw myſelf from that Share in the Management of your Affairs, with which you have been pleaſed to intruſt me.

The Account which was produced the laſt General Court, to convince you, that the Debt of two Millions, which loads your Capital, was not contracted by the *Aſſiento* Trade, but that on the contrary you are Gainers by it 250,000l. being laid before you without ſufficient Time given your Directors to examine it, was by you referr'd back to the Court of Directors for a further Examination; I ſuppoſe

when you came to that Reſolution, your Intention was to be inform'd, if the Account was erroneous or true.

In Order to ſatisfy you in this Particular, it was neceſſary not only to trace the Account through your Books, but alſo to examine and compare your Books with the Letters, Advices, and other proper Vouchers of your ſeveral Factors and Agents abroad, from which many Particulars in your Books muſt be taken.

Therefore, Gentlemen, when the Court of Directors met the 18th of the laſt Month to examine the Account, I deſired that the Books might be compared with the proper Vouchers; but other Gentlemen, contented with examining the Account by the Books, went into the Examination, without the neceſſary Vouchers to ſupport the Books; the Court met on the ſame Occaſion on the 19th and 20th, at both which Times I likewiſe inſiſted that the Books might be examin'd by the Vouchers, but to as little Purpoſe as I had done before, and therefore on the laſt Day I took my Leave of the Court of Directors in the following Words, or to the like Effect; "I proteſt againſt this Method of examining the Account, go on in your own Ways, I will never aſſent in a General Court to an Account taken from Books, which may poſſibly be falſe, without firſt ſeeing the Books proved true by proper Vouchers; and concluded, that that ſhould be the laſt Time I would appear in Court." And indeed if the Vouchers will diſcover nothing but what appears in the Account or Books, to what Purpoſe ſhould Gentlemen be againſt comparing them together?

That falſe Entries may be made in Books is very certain; in the Books of the *Charitable Corporation* the Sum of 397,780l. 1s. 8d. ½ appears to be lent out in Pledges, and yet when the Committee of Proprietors appointed to inſpect their Affairs, compared the Books with the Vouchers, they found Vouchers for no more than 159,276l. 11s. ſo that in their Books a falſe Entry is made to the Amount of 238,503l. 10s. 8d. ½; and this Account, like the Account laid before you, was drawn out by *Venables* their Accountant, and laid by thoſe Managers in a General Court before their Proprietors.

Wherefore the Report charges the neglecting duly to examine and compare the Caſh Book with the Vouchers, as an unpardonable Neglect in the Directors; how much thoſe Gentlemen (for this Neglect) have already ſuffer'd in their Characters, every Body is ſenſible; and how much more they may yet ſuffer in their Perſons and Eſtates from the Juſtice of Parliament, Time will ſoon diſcover.

Having learn'd therefore from this Example, as well as that terrible one in the Year 1720, that to be anſwerable for others is a dangerous Situation, and being of little Benefit, through my Want of Experience, in Affairs of ſo nice and intricate a Nature as I find yours to be, I think it prudent with Reſpect to myſelf, and juſt in Regard to you, to quit your Service.

But before I do it, Gentlemen, it is neceſſary to conſider with what View this Account was laid before you, and the Nature of it.

Your Sub-Governor, Gentlemen, at the laſt General Court took Notice of a Report which had prevail'd about Town, *viz.* that you loſt by your Trade to the Amount of 2,000,000; and in Order to convince you that this Report is falſe, he aſſured you, that you are not one Shilling in Diſburſe on Account of the *Aſſiento* Trade ſince the Year 1721; and to prove the Aſſertion, in Caſe the Proprietors would have expected (as they really did) a further Satisfaction in this Particular, he told you, that it appeared to be ſo from an Account of Payments and Receipts on Account of your Trade from the 25th of *March* 1721, to *December* 1731, certify'd by your Accountant, and laid before your Directors; and, Gentlemen, this Account was ready to be produced, and the Balance of it was in Favour of the Proprietors upwards of 200,000l. but pray, Gentlemen, obſerve the Nature of this Account, which was to carry Conviction along with it, and to ſtrike dumb all Report to the contrary; it is not, Gentlemen, an Account of the *Aſſiento* Trade, as it is intitled, and as it ought to have been, but it is only an Account of Payments and Receipts from the 25th of *March*, including the repriſal'd Effects recover'd ſince that Time, to *December* laſt; but give me Leave to obſerve, Gentlemen, that ſuch an Account of Payments and Receipts is not a proper Teſt of the Circumſtances of your Trade.

The Account, Gentlemen, from which you muſt form your Judgments, muſt contain the true State of your Trade, and when ſuch an Account is drawn out, I ſhall be glad, if I can, to congratulate you upon a Balance to your own Advantage.

I wiſh, Gentlemen, you would conſider of a proper Method to examine into the real Condition of your Affairs; ſuch an Enquiry will, I hope, terminate in the Honour of your Directors, and it cannot hurt you, ſince you know the utmoſt of your Debt, but may on the contrary be very ſerviceable to you, by preſerving your Properties from a much worſe Condition than that which you find them in at preſent.

Robbery. On Saturday Night laſt as a Gentleman was croſſing *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, he was attack'd by two Foot-pads, who knock'd him down and put a Gag in his Mouth, and with a ſharp Inſtrument cut up his Cloaths in the Back, (being richly lac'd) and ſtript him; they took from him about 6l. in Money, and left him wallowing on the Ground; but ſome Hackney Coachmen attending at the Play-houſe, perceiving ſomething rowling about, they went to ſee what was the Matter, and found a Perſon naked and almoſt dead; the Gentleman being ſtunn'd by the Blow, having ſometime after recover'd his Senſes, related the ill Uſage he met with, and was carried to his Houſe by *Gray's-Inn*.

Preferments. The Rev. Dr. *Le Mothe*, is appointed Suffragan Biſhop of *Soder* and *Man*, and embarks to take upon him that Charge, as ſoon as his Horſe-Guard Preaching is finiſh'd.——On Friday the 29th of *January*, the Right Hon. the Earl of *Crawford* was unanimouſly choſen a Peer of the *Britiſh* Parliament, in the room of the Earl of *Loudon*, deceaſed: There were 37 Peers preſent, and 37 Proxies.

Death. Letters from *Peterborough* ſay, That *Richard Cumberland*, Eſq; eldeſt Son of the Rev. Mr. Archdeacon *Cumberland*, died there not long ſince.

Shipping. The Misfortune which befel the *Induſtry*, belonging to *Pool*, from *Carolina*, the Maſter of which, *Samuel Farewell*, was drowned, is related thus: "On the 15th of *Jan.* about 10 at Night, being then ſcudding before the Wind, which blew very hard, a great Swell of the Sea broke in over the After-part of the Ship, and waſhed over-board the ſaid Maſter, and four of the Men; the latter all got ſafe on board again, by the Ropes which they had faſtened themſelves to, but nothing more was heard of the Captain: Juſt before this Accident happened, the Maſter perceiving a great Sea abaft, and fearing its breaking over the Ship, called to the Men to take Care of themſelves, which Precaution happily ſaved their Lives, tho' he was ſo unfortunate to loſe his own.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 9.

Yeſterday Mr. *Richard Franklin* was brought up to the *King's-Bench* Bar at *Weſtminſter*; when his Council moved in Arreſt of Judgment, 1ſt, That the Return of the Jury from the Sheriff was not regular, by Reaſon he returned but 24, when by Act of Parliament he ſhould have return'd 48, to be ballotted for. 2dly, That on this Account the *Poſtea* was not regularly enter'd; and that the Defendant ſhould have another Tryal. But the King's Counſel made Anſwer, that thoſe Objections were of no Weight; for that the Act of Parliament for regulating of Juries left that open, and as it was the Practice in Common Law to return 24 Jurors only, the Return was regular from the Sheriff, and the *Poſtea* enter'd regularly. After many learned Arguments on both Sides, the Court was of the ſame Opinion with the King's Counſel; ſo Mr. *Franklin's* Motion was over-ruled.

The ſame Day there was a Committee of Auditors at *Chriſt's-Hoſpital*; when it was reſolved to recommend it to the next General Court to take into the ſaid Houſe, at *Eaſter*, 110 Children, or not to exceed 120.

On Monday there was a Board of Admiralty; when the Lords Commiſſioners were pleaſed to put his Majeſty's Ship the *Seaford* into Commiſſion.

Yeſterday was decided at the Court of *King's-Bench*, *Weſtminſter*, a Right of Preſentation of the Rectorſhip of St. *Mildred* in the *Poultry*, between our Sovereign Lord the King, and the Worſhipful Company of Mercers; and the ſame was granted in Favour of the latter, who have preſented the Rev. Mr. *Wallace* to the ſaid Rectory.

A Liſt of Preachers, appointed by the Lord Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, to preach on Wedneſdays and Fridays, in the Church of St. *Saviour's Southwark*, during the Time of Lent, 1732.

Febr.	23	Aſh-Wedneſday,	Mr. Slococke.
	25,	Friday,	Dr. Denne.
March	1,	Wedneſday,	Mr. Osborne.
	3,	Friday,	Dr. Lovell.
	8,	Wedneſday,	Mr. Browning.
	10,	Friday,	Dr. Finlay.
	15,	Wedneſday,	Mr. Heald.
	17,	Friday,	Mr. Goodwin.
	22,	Wedneſday,	Mr. Halford.
	24,	Friday,	Mr. Casberd
	29,	Wedneſday,	Mr. Ailmer.
	31,	Friday,	Mr. Barton.
April	5,	Wedneſday.	Mr. Bullock.
	7,	Good-Friday,	Mr. Smith.

Robbery, &c. Laſt Sunday Night one Mr. *Broughton*, a Haberdaſher of Small Wares, was robbed by two Foot-pads in the *Five Fields* near *Chelſea*; who took from him about 7s. 6d.——Yeſterday a Man was apprehended at an Ale-houſe in *King ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*, and the ſame Day committed to the *Gatehouſe*, for robbing a Gentleman of 3l. ——The ſame Day a Boy about 14 Years of Age was committed to *Newgate*, being charged with a Street-Robbery.

THURSDAY, *February* 10.

Yeſterday at Noon a Cabinet-Council was held at St. *James's*, when Mr. Serjeant *Urling* was preſented for Deputy Recorder of this City to his Majeſty in Council by Mr. Baron *Thomſon* Recorder; and at the ſame Time the Report of the two Malefactors now under Sentence of Death in *Newgate*, viz. *Robert Hallom* the Waterman, for the Murder of his Wife, and *George Scroggs*, for robbing the Parſon of *Tottenham* on the Highway, was made to his Majeſty; and they were both order'd for Execution at *Tyburn* on Monday next.

The ſame Day the Court of *Exchequer* gave Judgment upon the Special Verdicts in the Cauſes depending in that Court, between the King Plaintiff, and *John Huggins*, Eſq; late Warden of the *Fleet*, Defendant, for the Eſcapes of *David Boyes*, and other Perſons in the *Fleet*, for near 40,000l. and the Barons gave Judgment for the Defendant.

Laſt Tueſday Night one *John Collick* drinking with an Acquaintance in *King John's Court* in St. *Mary Magdalen's*, *Southwark*, call'd for a Glaſs of Brandy, pull'd a Paper out of his Pocket, and put into his Dram a large Quantity of white Mercury. Being ask'd what it was, he reply'd, *This is to ſend me to Hell*, and died in about an Hour after; but refus'd to give an Account where he had the Poiſon, nor what Reaſons induc'd him to act this Tragedy on himſelf.

Robberies. On Tueſday in the Evening, one Mr. *Deebree*, a Weaver of *Spittle-Fields*, returning from *Hackney*, was attacked near *Dalſton* by two Foot-pads, who robbed him of his Watch, and 9s. 6d.——The ſame Day Mr. *James Agar*, a Hoſier, was robbed by two Street-Robbers of a Watch and ſome Money, near the Corner of *Cork-ſtreet*, *Burlington-Gardens*.

Preferment. Yeſterday was held at *Ipſwich* in *Suffolk*, the County-Court, being the firſt ſince the iſſuing out the Writ, for electing a Knight of the Shire for that County, in the room of Sir *William Barker*, Bart. deceas'd, when Sir *Robert Kemp* of *Ubbeſton* in *Suffolk*, Bart. was elected without Oppoſition.

Deaths. Dublin, Feb. 1. On Saturday laſt died *Philip Pearſon*, Eſq; Merchant, and Alderman of this City.—— Laſt Week died Lieutenant Colonel *Farcy*, of Brigadier *Pocock's* Regiment.

Shipping. The *Allington*, Capt. *Pitt*, founder'd lately at Sea, in her Voyage from *New England* for *Bilboa*.

FRIDAY, *February* 11.

Private Letters from *Antwerp*, dated the 12th of *February*, ſay, That a Decree was publiſhed by the Directors of the *Oſtend* Company, by Order of her Serene Highneſs, forbidding all Perſons whatſoever from Trading to the *Eaſt-Indies* from the Low Countries, whereby that Company was aboliſh'd.

The Duty of Salt will be laid on again for three Years.

Yeſterday a Woman dropt down dead in *King-ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*, as is ſuppoſed, with exceſſive Drinking.

The true Copy of a Letter that was ſent to Mr. *Hoare*, a Conſtable, who keeps the *Flying-Horſe* in the *Upper Moorfields*; occaſion'd by his detecting ſeveral looſe and diſorderly Perſons that frequent the ſaid Fields.

SIR,

"You have Greatly Excerted your Power Sence you "have been in Office, So that there is no Neſeſity to put "you a Side, itt is better for one Man to die than many to "Looſe their bread, ſo that there is a Contrivance to putt "a ball in your Arſe, it may happen to hitt your back. "I wiſh you Safe in the next World.

Charters lane feb. 5th. 1731.

Preferment. Yeſterday the Rev. Mr. *Alexander Mallet*, M. A. was preſented by the Lord Chancellor to the Rectory of *Combe-Flory* in the County of *Somerſet*.

Deaths. Yeſterday Morning died, at his Houſe in *Groſvenor-Square*, the Right Hon. the Lord *Carpenter*, Lieutenant General of his Majeſty's Forces, *&c.*——The ſame Morning died *William Jones*, Eſq;——On Sunday laſt died *Tho. Byde*, Eſq; Lord of the Manors of *Ware* and *Hertford*, *infra & extra*, at his Seat at *Ware-Park* in *Hertfordſhire*.

Shipping. The St. *John*, *Rocus Aerts*, bound from *London* to *Bruges*, was lately forced on Shore near *Margate*, and filled with Water.

Chriſtned.

M.	170	359
F.	189	

Died.

Under	2		183
From	2	to 5	28
	5	10	8
	10	20	21
	20	30	23
	30	40	47
	40	50	36
	50	60	50
	60	70	26
	70	80	20
	80	90	18
upwds of		90	2

Years Old

Buried.

M	225	487
F	262	

Decreaſed. 25

The Aſſize of Bread made of Wheat, to take Place on Thurſday *February* 3, as ſet forth by Order of the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*.

The Penny Loaf to weigh by *Averdupois* or common Weight, *viz.* 16 Drams make one Ounce, and 16 Ounces one Pound. White 11*oz.* 9*dr.* Wheaten 17*oz.* 6*dr.* Houſhold 23*oz.* 3*dr.*

Two Penny Loafs. White 1*lb.* 7*oz.* 3*dr.* Wheaten 2*lb.* 2*oz.* 12*dr.* Houſhold 2*lb.* 14*oz.* 5*dr.*

Note, That the Peck Loaf ought to weigh ſeventeen Pounds, ſix Ounces, and one Dram; the Half Peck and Quartern in Proportion Quartern Wheaten 4*d.* Quartern Houſhold 3*d.* Half Peck Wheaten 8*d.* Half Peck Houſhold 6*d.* Peck Wheaten 1*s.* 4*d.* Peck Houſhold 1*s.*

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ARRIVED

When arriv'd at	LYNN.		from
Ships Names	Maſters	}	from Whence
30 Jan	Catherine	*Hitchcock*	Oporto
	William	*Atkinſon*	London
	HULL.		*from*
5 *Feb.*	Succeſs	*Groves*	Rouan
	LEITH.		*from*
27 *Jan*	Margaret	*Bulmel*	Faro
28	Robert	*Thompſon*	London
	LIVERPOOL.		*from*
1 *Feb.*	Eubonia	*Whitſide*	Dantzic
	Maxwel	*Ireland*	Virginia
	BRISTOL.		*from*
1 *Feb.*	Hereford	*Atkinſon*	Virgin.
	John & Betty		Cadiz
6	Endeavour	*Key*	ditto
	John & Sarah	*Wilſon*	Jamaica
	Rainbow	*Vinſon*	ditto
9	Pool	*Bourn*	Jamaica
	Brown	*Martin*	ditto
	FALMOUTH.		*from*
2 *Feb.*	Stamboline	*Horſnel*	London
	Betty	*Blake*	ditto
	W. India Merc.	*Dennis*	ditto
	PLYMOUTH		*from*
6 *Feb.*	H. Return		Figura
	John	*Moyler*	Rouan
	EXON.		*from*
5 *Feb.*	Eliz. Sarah	*Haman*	Oporto
	DARTMOUTH		*from*
1 *Feb.*	Mary	*Paſco*	Topſham
3	Proſper. Ann	*Finch*	London
	Succeſs		ditto
	PORTSMOUTH.		*from*
8 *Feq.*	Cha. Betty	*Jackſon*	London
	DOWNS.		*from*
11 *Feb.*	Truelove	*Branham*	Carolina
	POOL		*from*
9 *Feb.*	John	*Rushy*	Lisbon
	Young Green	*Young*	ditto
	GRAVESEND		*from*
4 *Feb.*	Betty	*Friend*	Oporto
	Mary	*Croſwait*	Dunkirk
5	Mary	*Ryley*	Carolina
	Valencia Pack.	*Watſon*	Dieppe
6	Martha	*Howard*	Seville
	Elizabeth	*Pulſtone*	Lisbon
	Charm. Sally	*Bagſter*	Havre
	Providence	*Teyment*	Caen
7	Royal Vineyard	*Brown*	Calais
8	Peggy	*Weſton*	Oporto
	Samuel	*Percy*	Carolina
	Abraham	*Lawſon*	Barbary

IRELAND.

	DUBLIN		from
22 *Jan.*	Carolina	*Wat*	W. Indies
	Margaret	*Macdonel*	Bordeaux
23	Lowther	*Fiſher*	Philadelp
24	Bartholomew	*Tate*	Bayonne
25	Nathaniel	*Buckington*	Lond.
26	Mary	*Jennings*	Biddif.
	WATERFORD.		*from*
	John & Ann	*Scott*	Barbadoes
	CORK		*from*
9 *Jan.*	Catherine	*Brown*	Faro
	Molly	*Cuner*	Rotterd
	Prime Hope	*Allen*	Lisbon
	Ann	*Parrel*	ditto
	Loyal Anne	*Ellis*	ditto
13	Betty	*Carſley*	Bilboa
	Lively	*Pateſon*	Cadiz
	Society	*Tupper*	Lisbon
	Two Brothers		Bourdeaux
	Pentel	*Hutchins*	Lisbon
	Shallow	*Driſcal*	ditto
15	Hopewell	*Huſſey*	Bourdeax
	Prince William	*Price*	London
	Penſilvania Merc	*Steaman*	Penſilv.
20	Maxwel	*Ireland*	Virginia
22	Diligence	*Sheys*	Lisbon
23	Mary	*Foner*	Canaries
24	Mary Catherine	*Long'as* / *Rice*	Oporto / London

FOREIGN PORTS.

	VIRGINIA		from
8 *Dec.*	Phenix	*Underdown*	Lond.
	Dolphin	*Beekman*	ditto
	Halwel	*Brooks*	ditto
	Smith	*Lucy*	ditto
	CAROLINA.		*from*
	Betty's Hope	*Little*	Guinea
	London	*Page*	London
	a unicorn	HISPANIOLA.	*from*
	Capitania of the Galeons		P. Bello
	JAMAICA.		*from*
	Recovery	*Wheatly*	London
	William	*Hewit*	ditto
	Benedict	*Raymond*	Africa
	Goldfinch	*Thomas*	ditto
	Gatway	*Stockwell*	Barbad.
	S. CHRISTOPHERS		*from*
	Mercury	*Fitchard*	A dica
	Levantine		ditto
	LEGHORN		*from*
18 *Jan.*	Sufanna	*Martin*	Hamburg
	Seahorſe	*Shank*	Corſica
	S. Leger	*Bray*	Amſterd.
	Nancy	*Evrington*	Lisbon
	Speedwell	*Smith*	N. land
26	Betty	*Thingford*	ditt.
	ALICANT		*from*
19 *Jan.*	Hope	*Garrot*	Lynn
	Grace	*Orr*	Ireland
21	Peter	*Kemp*	Margate
22	Proſperity	*Ricketts*	Mahon
	Tho. & Mary	*Ferguſon*	Ireland
	Geo. & Tho.	*Darel*	Coaſt
	CARTHAGENA		*from*
18 *Jan.*	Florence	*Coleman*	Lond.
	CADIZ.		*from*
15 *Jan.*	Swift	*Duchet*	Streigh:
	Sufanna Hanah	*Batley*	Dover
	Noble Ann	*Southern*	Malaga
	Wm & Mary	*Robins*	N. land
	Endeavour	*Thomas*	Dublin
	Rebecca	*Hunter*	ditto
16	Sarah	*Friend*	Malaga
	William	*Philips*	Leghorn
	Sarah	*Snough*	Briſto.
17	Welcome	*Mulberry*	N. Eng.
	OPORTO.		*from*
24 *Jan.*	Friendſh.	*Janverin*	Southto.
	Hopewel	*Curtis*	ditto
	Wm & Elizab.	*Turrington*	Liver.
	Benjamin	*Mangridge*	Hamb.
	John & Marg.	*Smith*	Dover
	Eliz. & Mary	*Waters*	London
	Anth. & Rich.	*Reynolds*	ditto

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When Sailed	for	LONDON	from
Ships Names	Maſters	}	from Whence
21 *Jan.*	Benjamin	*Cockfield*	Oporto
	Pearl	*Robſon*	ditto
1 *Feb.*	Loy. Jane	*Vincent*	Lynn
	Proſperity	*Taylor*	ditto
	Hen. Jacob	*Allen*	ditto
13 *Jan.*	Caroline	*Prince*	Alicant
24	Scantympa	*Matſon*	Genoa
	For other BRITISH PORTS		*from*
23 *Jan.*	Bleſſing	*Rider*	Cheſter
17	Torrington	*Warcup*	Cadiz

FOREIGN PORTS.

	For South BARBARY		from
15 *Jan.*	Rainbow	*Gallop*	C[illegible]
	For the STREIGHTS		*from*
3 *Feb.*	Forrard	*Grice*	Portſmou.
15 *Jan.*	Lovely	*Carrol*	Cadiz
16	Diſpatch	*Carey*	ditto
21	William	*Sherley*	Alicant
	Herne	*Herne*	ditto
	Virtue	*Evrington*	ditto
19	Nancy	*Evrington*	Genoa
24	Marqueſs	*Merry*	ditto
	Leopard	*Crook*	ditto
	Lancaſter	*Drake*	ditto
26	Pompey	*Dean*	ditto
22	Sukey	*Oſmond*	Leghorn
	Stretham	*Weſton*	ditto
	For SPAIN and PORTUGAL without the STREIGHTS.		from
15 *Jan.*	Pearl	*Pullager*	Cadiz
17	Ct. Samuel	*Laly*	Carolina
	FOR FRANCE.		*from*
3 *Feb.*	3 Siſters	*Barns*	Gravelen
	Hap, Return	*Burton*	ditto
	Catherine	*Clarebut*	ditto
	Eliz. & Mary	*Maples*	ditto
	FOR HOLLAND & FLANDERS		*fr.*
1 *Feb.*	John Cathe	*Pain*	Lyan
	Fich. & Fran.	*Fickſon*	ditto
	Samuel	*Farrow*	ditto
25	John & Eliz.	*Smith*	Genoa
5	Hiram	*Chriſtian*	Gravel.
	Britania	*Howleſon*	ditto
	For BREMEN or HAMBURG		*from*
26 *Jan.*	Eſter	*Robinſon*	Genoa
27	S James	*Aſtwick*	ditto
21	Friendſhip	*Biſhop*	Leghorn
7 *Feb.*	Helena	*Lowder*	Southton
5	John & Ann	*Adamſon*	Gravel.

Winds at *Deal, Febr.* 4 S. W. 5. W. N. W. 6. S. W. 7. W. S. W. 8. W. S. W. 9. W. S. W. 10. W. S. W.

Remain in the Downs bound out for

10 *Feb.*	Albany	*Bryan*	N. York
	John & Benja.	*Reynolds*	Marylan
	Alexander	*Raſſel*	ditto
	Speedwel	*Babb*	ditto
	Cheap	*Waſſe*	ditto
	Succeſs	*Randolph*	ditto
	Sarah & Mary	*Lane*	Virginia
	Diggs	*Danſie*	ditto
	3 Siſters	*Brain*	ditto
	K. William	*Watkinſon*	Caroli.
	Kingſton	*Newton*	Jamaica
	Mermaid	*Crawford*	ditto
	Milk River	*Berkley*	ditto
	Apollo	*Smith*	Barbadoes
	Jenny	*Crookendon*	ditto
	Pompey	*Gober*	Antigua
	Pretty Betſy	*Chapman*	S. Kitts
	Induſtry	*Hart*	Barbary
	Ann	*Blewet*	Streights
	Hanibal	*Morgan*	Cadiz
	Phenix	*Ellis*	ditto
	Scatare	*Robertſon*	Seville
	Jamima	*Dunford*	Oporto
	Bridgwater	*Gray*	France
	Henry & Priſc.	*Lucas*	ditto
Feb.	Providence	*Stewart*	Downs
	G. A Coventry	*Tiddiman*	Downs

COLLETT's *Courſe of Exchange*

Lond. Courſe, *Feb.* 11.	Balance	Prices.	*Amſterdam*	
The Exchange is on				
Amſterdam	35 1		55 1/16	M.
Paris	31 1/8		88 1/16	M.
Leghorn	50 1/8		94 1/16	P.
Genoa	53 1/8		85 1/16	P.
Venice	48 1/2		101 1/16	P.
Cadiz	42		81 1/4	P
Madrid	42		46 1/8	P
Lisbon	5 5 3/4		46 1/4	M
Oporto	5 5 7/8		32 1/16	P
Hamburgh	34 1			
Dublin	11 1/4			

Hops		Stocks	*Saturday*
1728	1 *l.* 7 *s.*	*S. Sea*	101 100 1/2 1/2
1729	2 *l.* 3	*Annu.*	110 1/2
1730	3 *l.* 10 *s.*	*Bank*	149 5/8
1731	5 *l.* 7 *s.* 5	*India*	178 7 1/4
Coals	23 24	*3 p. C.*	98 1/4
Grain *p.* Quart.		*MBan*	110
Wheat	20 24	*Afric.*	46
Rye	11 13	*Y. Bu.*	11 3/4 3/4
Barley	11 16	*R Aſſ.*	98 1/2 1/2
Oates	11 13	*L. ditt*	13 1/2
Tares	19 25	*ECop.*	2 *l.* 11 *s.*
H. Beans	19 22	*Wditt*	1 *l.* 15 *s.*
H. Peaſe	18 22	*N. B.Cir*	6 *l.* 10
Boil. dit.	26 29	*IBon.*	6 *l.* *s.*
P. Malt	19 22	*SSdit*	4 *l.* *s.*
dit. Br.	17 20	Blanks	7 *l.* 7 *s.* 6

Monday	*Tueſday*	*Wedneſday.*	*Thurſday*	*Friday.*
100 1/4 99 3/8 100 1/8	99 1/4, 100 99 1/4 1/8	102 1/8 1/4	100 1/8 1/2 1/4 1/4	100 1/8 1/8 1/2
110 1/2	110 1/4 2 3/8	110 1/8	110 1/8	110 1/4
149 1/2 1/4	149 3/8	149 1/2	149 1/8	149 1/4 2 7/8
177 1/2 6 1/4 7	177 78 1/4 77 8	178 1/4	178 79 1/2	179 1/8 7/8 1/4
98	98	97 1/2	97 1/4 98	97 1/4
110	110	110	110 1/2	110 1/2
46	46	46	46	46
12 1/4	12	11 1/4 2 12	12 1/2	12 1/8
98 1/2	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4
13 1/8	13 1/8	13 1/8	13 1/8	13 1/8
2 *l.* 12	2 *l.* 12	2 *l.* 11	2 *l.* 12 *s.*	2 *l.* 12
1 *l.* 16 *s.*	1 *l.* 16 *s.*	1 *l.* 15 *s.*	1 *l.* 16 *s.*	1 *l.* 16
6 *l.* 10 *s.*	6 *l.* 15 *s.*	6 *l.* 10 *s.*	6 *l.* 15 *s.* *d*	6 *l.* 15 d
5 *l.* 10 *s.*	5 *l.* 3 *s.*	7 *l.* *s.*	5 *l.* 5 *s.*	5 *l.*
3 *l.* 15 *s.*	3 *l.* 3 *s.*	6 *l.* *s.*	3 *l.* 15 *s.* 2 4 *l.*	4 *l.* *s.*
17 *l.* 7 *s.* 9	17 *l.* 7 *s.* 6	17 *l.* 6 *s.* 9 *d*	17 *l.* 7 *s.* 6	17 *l.* 7 *s.* 9

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